

'He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together.'

Colossians 1:17

'Nayiiny gan nunhi Djesu-Christtja walja muka yan nhinan yorrnha nanyi nunhi God-Wajarayu bokmarnydja bukmaktja njala nhäny mala. Bili nanyi gan God-Wajarr djälthin bukmakku nunhi namanamayunawuywuny nhanukuj walal dhu ga djälku-malthundja nhanjuwuynga yan Djesuwonha.'

Gulutjaylil Dhäwu 1:17



# Gäwa news

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What a wonderful beginning we have had to our time here in Gäwa. We are so blessed to be part of this caring and generous community, where Christ is upheld as Lord of all! Serving God in this unique and beautiful place, and partnering with the community in ministering to the beautiful students in our care, is such an exciting privilege. The first few weeks of term have seen some awesome teamwork from our dedicated staff, helping out wherever there was a need! We hope you enjoy reading about the exciting start we have had to Term 3.

Karen & Steve Fletcher



During the school holiday break, all of our Gäwa staff were reunited in Darwin to attend the NT Christian Schools annual Over The Top conference.

It was a wonderful time of fellowship and learning with 280 other like-minded Christian people who are faithfully serving our Lord in Christian Schools in the NT. We were encouraged and reminded of the unique opportunity we have to deliver a Christ-centred education to the precious children in our care! It was also a great opportunity to farewell Lara and Mark Hvala and their family and thank them for their years of faithful service in Gäwa.



Walungu & Nawenika

## Term Focus

We are focusing this term on Colossians 1:17 - "In Christ, all things hold together". This will help us to bring all key curriculum areas back to this central biblical theme. For our very first art lesson, we shared a wonderful afternoon around the bible in both English and Yolngu Matha. The children and some of our elders explored how it is that Christ 'holds' all things together. We then expressed our creative ideas in artworks which are now displayed around the school and community. Our staff are excited to be spending time each morning reflecting on the book of Colossians together.

By Karen



## Mayawa Class



"Hello" from Mayawa class and a special welcome to our new classmate Matthew. We saw a lovely photo of Hannah and Eva in their school uniforms and they love their new school. After such a long holiday it is great to be back at school and in routine. We are already hard at work with our reading, writing and maths and have launched into our new A.L. book - "Mr McGee and the Biting flea". We designed and made our own kites and had fun flying

them, like Mr McGee, from the Gäwa dunes. We created our own painting to demonstrate the Colossians verse "In Christ all things hold together" and have them proudly displayed at home and school. Russia is our country of study this term and unlike Fiji, it is very different to Gäwa! Please come along everyday and join in the fun as we learn new things together.

By Mandy

## Damala Class

'In Christ all things hold together'...from a delicate spider web to the enormous galaxy! As a class this term we will be studying the book 'Charlotte's Web'. We have had a lot of fun investigating the setting of our book, an English Farm, which is an unfamiliar environment for most of our Gäwa kids! Our writing will include research reports on the impact that feral pigs have on our local environment. We will also be looking at the magnitude of God's creation as we study the earth, sun and moon. We hope to involve community members to build on the student's local knowledge of the land and seasons.

By Matt



Farmer Matt

